



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017*



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22nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:27*

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 9:00 a.m.
In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.— 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St John's - Every Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

September 3, 2017—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00 — Dennis P. Rando — Memorial

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — All the souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00 — Richard Venesky — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 — Nancy Saya — 16th Anniversary

10:30 — George P. Koslowsky — Month's Mind

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:30 - All the children of the Parish

10:30 - All the souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00 - John M. Booth — Memorial

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann who are suffering with illnesses

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

9:00—Mamie Marochini — Birthday Remem.

Friday, September 8, 2017

9:00 — Mary Rose Short, George E. Short, Jr. — Birthday Remembrance

DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Brendan

The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass) and the sacraments. The purpose of the sacraments is to Sanctify people; to build up the Mystical Body of Christ; and finally, to give worship to God. Cc 1112. Even though each of the seven sacraments has its own identity, they all share the common purpose of nourishing us and raising the level of holiness in each one of us.

Sacramentals bear a similar resemblance to the sacraments for they too make holy through the intervention of the Church. Sacramentals prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with the grace offered.

There are various forms of sacramentals. They are blessings of persons, meals, objects and places. Every blessing praises God and prays for His gifts. We are familiar with the blessing before meals, the blessing of rosaries and medals. We also have witnessed a blessing of readers, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers and catechists. These last blessings are not to be confused with sacramental ordinations. They usually mention the names of the persons of the Holy Trinity, use holy water and end with the sign of the cross.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years back, there was a country song put out, popularized by Kenny Chesney, called “Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven” which says that “everybody wants to go to heaven...but nobody want to go now”. It speaks to the fact that many folks want to enter into the Kingdom, but few (if anyone) want to go before they’ve lived all the life they feel that have coming. There’s only one thing wrong with that kind of thinking – it’s not up to us!

Peter speaks up in today’s gospel, voicing this kind of thinking. When he pulls Jesus aside and cautions against the kind of talk Jesus is uttering, he is thinking in human terms and loses sight of the mission of Jesus – the Kingdom. Jesus rebukes Peter (rightfully so), as the mission of Jesus is to end in His death. Jesus knows this and is not afraid to face the reality of this. Jesus realizes that He must die so that we might have life – Eternal Life. This is the “end goal” of Jesus’ mission here on earth, that we might see the Kingdom. This is the mission of each one of us as Catholic-Christians as well, that of the Kingdom.

The reality of the Christian life is that we must die to self so that Jesus might live in us. This is a hard reality for many, for it goes “against the grain” of the thinking in modern society. We live in a world that seeks to preserve and prolong life, which is not a bad thing, necessarily. Another issue of recent years has been the push for assisted suicide (euphemistically called “physician-assisted death”). The problem with these ways of thinking come when it gets in the way of God’s plan for us and for the world. God’s desire is for us to have life, life eternal in the Kingdom. This isn’t possible if we strive to live forever in this present reality. We are not meant to live forever in this reality; one day, we are meant to enter into the Kingdom. As it is with Jesus, the “timeline” for this is not up to us; it is for our Heavenly Father to decide. It is God who knows “the day and the hour” of our going home to the Kingdom.

May we have the courage to give ourselves over to God’s plan. May we come to know that plan in our lives and may we strive to live that plan as best as we can. May we have the strength to unite our will over to God, not relinquishing the free will God gives us but aligning it with the plan which God has for us – life eternal in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S



SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Tickets on Sale beginning August 5th after each Mass up until the date of the picnic. Ticket \$5 Each.

Together in Christ Collaborative Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting 09/06/17- St. Ann's Parish Center at 7pm

Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. Ring (10 mins)
Approval minutes of last Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting

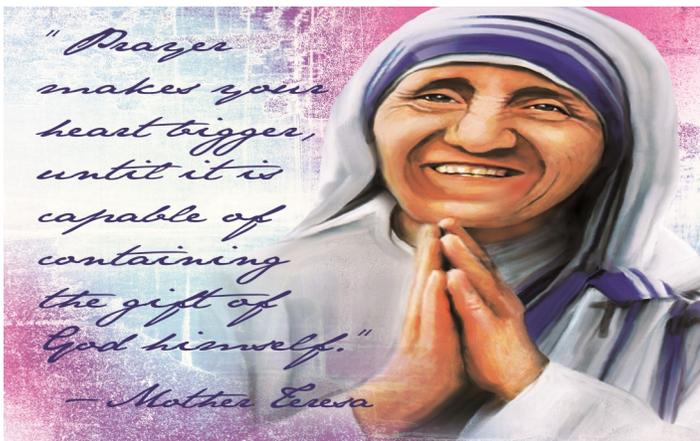
Updates from Fr. Ring (20 mins):

- St. John's Offertory Development Program Results
- St. Ann's Finance Council
- Joint meeting of Collaborative Planning Council and Finance Councils

Pastoral Plan Writing Committee update – Fr. Ring (15 mins)

Open discussion (10 mins)

Closing prayer – Fr. Ring (5 mins)



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses of Intention

Can be taken for any daily mass,

However, if you want the Mass

Celebrated in Saint Ann's or Saint John's

You need to remember the new daily

Mass Schedule.

Saint Ann's is Mon, Tues, and Fri.

Saint John's Wed., Thurs, and Fri.



THE CRUCIFIX VS. THE RISEN CHRIST

In the upcoming weeks, you will see a crucifix in Saint Ann's church because the rubrics require that we have a crucifix displayed at Mass. A resurrected Jesus should only be used as general decor provided that it does not supplant nor overshadow the crucifix (which ours did). Number 308 of the General Instructions of the Roman Missal states "there is also to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified on it, visible not only during Mass but at all times recalling for the faithful the saving passion of the Lord and remaining near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations.

The focal point of our faith is that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. Thus, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting to have a crucifix prominently displayed.



Dear Friends,
 One of the hallmarks of Fr. Paul's vision for the Parish and Youth Ministry is a joyful welcome of everyone exactly where each one of us is on our faith journey. The important part is we are all a work in progress, growing in faith, and that includes me! In order to process the many moments of faith this summer and prepare for the new year to begin in mid-September, I have decided to personally invest in a Retreat from September 8-10 at the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton to grow in my faith journey to better serve the Ministry. It is a silent retreat run by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. (Some of you may remember Fr. Tom Carzon visited our Parish several times last year.) I am a little nervous in hopes I can be quiet, not only in words, but also in thought, enough to listen to our God. I ask for your prayers that my heart may be open to the experience, and as is always the case the Collaborative's families, parishioners, youth, and staff will be with me in prayer while on retreat.
 Nancy Smith

Due to the early deadline for submitting this weeks page, we where not quite ready to release the calendar.
 The next bulletin will begin to have details!



Volunteer Spotlight: Steve Cassavant

Why being Part of the Parish and Youth Ministry has made a difference in the life of a St. Ann Family

"I looked into the Parish and Youth Ministry in order to give my daughter, Paige, an opportunity to grow in her faith. I never expected how big an impact it would have on my own life. The ministry has opened my eyes to the path that God wants for me. It has brought my family closer together. Since becoming involved in January, 2017, we have attended the PJ Anderson events, a LIFT show, volunteered for a week of Vacation Bible School, and attended our first Catholic Heart Work Camp which was a truly life changing event. Please come join us, you will get out so much more than you put in." Steve Casavant



St. John's & St. Anne's Parish & Youth Ministries 50/50 Fundraiser!

Bowl 2 Hours Including Use Of Shoes For Up To 6 People For \$24.95!
 St. John's & St. Anne's Parish & Youth Ministries Gets Half!

Print and bring this with you bowling at Timber Lanes in Abington and the St. John's & St. Anne's Parish & Youth Ministries will receive 50%...that's HALF!...of what is already a great deal! You can also just show this flyer on any mobile device too!

It's just \$24.95 per lane for up to 6 people! No extra charges for shoe rental! You and your group can bowl all you want for the entire 2 hour period...no charges per-game!

And half is donated to us!
 It's really that simple!

Help us promote this more by spreading the word through your email, Facebook, Myspace, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts.
 The Squire's Loft Lounge Opens Daily at 5 PM!
 Timber Lanes • 460 Bedford St (Route 1B) • Abington, MA, 02351
 781-878-0219 • www.candlepin.com

The Parish and Youth Ministry is collecting cans and bottle throughout the year. We are very grateful to those that drop off cans and bottles on a regular basis. There are two wooden bins at St. John's just past the Chapel and St. Ann has a white barrel across from the donation bins off the parking lot. These donations allow us to run the PYM programs. Thank-you!



Cursillo Schedule

Men

October 26-29, 2017

January 25-28, 2018

March 22-25, 2018

Women

November 16-19, 2017

February 22-25, 2018

April 19-22, 2018



This schedule is for the Retreat House in Easton. If this schedule does not work for you, there are two other locations for Cursillo in Massachusetts. The website for the Retreat House is <http://www.retreathouse.org>

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

August 27, 2017 — The money for Aug. 27th will be reported next week.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

AT

SAINT ANN'S

FOLLOWING 9 AM MASS
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION
AT 10:30 AM



St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

*"Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will
give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who are "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2017

LECTORS

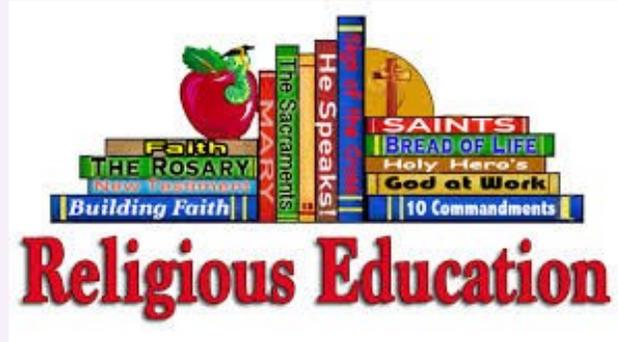
4 PM—Peg Fitzgerald
8:30 —Andrew Pelletier
10:30—Martin Heavey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Mary Lou Boyd
Sandy Mehl
Ann Zenus

8:30 — Valerie Pelletier
Louise Domingos
JoAnn Kennedy

10:30 — John Zenus
Betty Lindberg
Jerry Bean



Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.

Religious Education Classes will begin September 17th.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900

Money for August 27th will be reported next week.

*August 27, 2017 — SPC — Elevator bill
September 3, 2017 — Catholic University*

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. Vincent de Paul – St. John's Conference



The Annual St. Vincent de Paul food drive will take place the weekends of September 16/17 and September 23/24.

On September 16/17 members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to distribute bags. Attached to the bag is a letter that explains about St. Vincent de Paul as to "who we are" and "what we do" along with suggested food items that are needed in the Food Pantry.

On the weekend of September 23/24 you are asked to return the bags (containing your donations) when you come to Mass. Please bring your bag into church and place it on the altar to be blessed at the end of Mass. When Mass is over please help us take the bags downstairs to the food pantry.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and in turn helps many families in East Bridgewater.

If you know anyone who needs food or other assistance, please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. 8/7 — Religious Education Registration Began
Weds. 9/6 — PPC Meeting @ St. John's
Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic
Mon. 9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe
Sat. 9/16 — EBBA on the Common—Come visit St. John's Booth

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.**



Religious Education

**WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY
FOR CONFIRMATION**

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUG. 7TH

Register on line or in person with Mrs. Hopgood in the Religious Education Office

Tuition can be paid by cash, check, or on-line
The On-Line Fund is **Religious Education Tuition**

Registration fees are **\$150 for one child; \$200 for two children and \$250 for 3 or more children in a family.**

There is an **additional fee for the sacramental program years:**
(2nd grade - 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$50)
Confirmation program -(9th grade - \$75) & (10th grade - \$50)



Father Stephen Lusiba would appreciate any help you can offer for Saint Benedict School in Uganda.

All donations can be made to their new go- fund-me page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/saint-benedicts-high-school>
or

Written to Saint John's for Saint Benedict's School

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

WILL BEGIN THE YEAR WITH THEIR
FIRST MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
NOON MASS
PIZZA TO FOLLOW IN THE CHAPEL
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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